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The Honorable Susan M. Chehardy has become the Chief Judge of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal in Gretna, Louisiana. She is the 9th Chief Judge of this Court, which was established in 1982. Judge Chehardy, who was elected to this Court in 1998, was the first woman elected to the Fifth Circuit and is the first woman to hold the Office of the Chief Judge. Chief Judge Chehardy succeeds Judge Marion F. Edwards, who retired from this Court after more than 14 years of service.

The Honorable Fredericka Homberg Wicker has become the Deputy Chief Judge of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal. Judge Wicker was elected to this Court in 2006 and succeeds Judge Chehardy as Deputy Chief Judge.

Cheryl Quirk Landrieu, long-time Research Attorney with the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, has been named Clerk of Court. She will be the Fifth Circuit's 3rd Clerk of Court and the first woman to hold the position. She succeeds Peter J. Fitzgerald, Jr., who retired from the Court after more than 30 years of service on December 31, 2012. Landrieu was sworn in yesterday.

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